

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the modifications above and the remarks below. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, and 4-12, and 21-26.

1. Election

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner including Claims 14-21 in the elected invention. The Office Action indicated that Applicants had made the election without traverse. In reviewing the response, however, the undersigned notes that Applicants did in fact traverse the restriction requirement. Page 2 of the response states that "Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, Group 2 (Claims 2-3, 13) with traverse." (emphasis added). Regardless, the indicated claims are withdrawn from further examination.

2. Rejection Under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejected Claims 2, 3 and 21 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, alleging that these claims contained language that rendered the claims indefinite. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed overcome. Reconsideration is requested.

3. Priority


The Office Action indicated that the priority documents had not been received. The undersigned, however, notices that there are handwritten notes that someone from the undersigned department spoke with the Examiner and that the Examiner indicated that the priority documents had indeed been resolved. If this is not the case, Applicants request clarification.

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In view of the above amendments, Applicants earnestly request the allowance of all Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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